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CONTINENTAL
CHOCOLATES

AUST. READY TO IMPROVE N. ZEALAND TIES

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Australian Federation secretary Ian McAndrew stated in Sydney this week that Australia would be happy to establish closer relations with New Zealand.

McAndrew was replying to a request made in Auckland by NZFA Promotions Director, Charles Dempsey, for a better spirit of co-operation between the countries.

"There are no present negotiations for tour exchanges with New Zealand, and we are now preparing the itinerary for the October/November tour of the East as a vital part of our own World Cup preparations," he said.

"In a month's time the ASF will have a commitment in fares and wages of over \$30,000 for this venture.

"My Federation would sympathetically consider approaches for one or two full internationals in New Zealand as part of our national tour if an invitation was forthcoming, and providing dates are mutually acceptable."

McAndrew said that a return tour of Australia by New Zealand presented some problems, but he felt sure that the ASF would be happy to deal with them.

The Australian public is now conditioned to seeing the best football teams that can be found.

New Zealand has improved remarkably since its 1954 tour here, but still is only just commencing to reach towards world standards.

In reply to a question, McAndrew said that a promotional tour in Australia might be programmed to include all interested State capitals, Canberra, and major provincial centres such as Wollongong, Newcastle, Bathurst and Tamworth in NSW, for example.

It might also culminate in a final game in Sydney or Melbourne, or perhaps in both, as the tour highlights.

ANZAC LINK

McAndrew threw cold water on a recent feeler for a November three-way international series with New Caledonia in Noumea, saying that the ASF wished to promote the members of the Oceanic Confederation, and could hardly be expected to assist New Caledonia, which remains affiliated to the French Football Federation.

Dempsey's swipe at Australia as being "too Europe-minded" achieves little.

Australian soccer people with roots in Europe must be expected to look a little wistfully back at the standards of football in the lands of their origin.

It is equally easy to comment that New Zealanders tend to be "more British than the British," but that gets neither country anywhere.

Australian soccer could continue to overlook New Zealand, but here Dempsey has a real point.

Countries with an Anzac tradition should grow up together in football, and not grow apart.

Australia's eastern seaboard in air transport terms is only three hours from New Zealand's major cities.

Late or early season internationals in New Zealand, and open season tours in Australia, if the Kiwis want them, could be fitted into the timetable.

Few Australians realise how much New Zealand has done to develop its soccer.

Appointment of ex-Hungarian Janos Schwanner as national coach is another step towards New Zealand's ambition.

The real base of football is youth coaching, and the Kiwis have left Australia well behind, with the exception of NSW.

As our High Schools touring teams found, good standard soccer competition can be found in even the smallest towns.

If Australia had reached this position, potential soccer stars would already be pouring from the country into the city clubs.

The plain, unvarnished truth is that the standard of football amongst the New Zealand-born in Auckland, Christchurch, and Wellington is rising, and unless some Australian capitals get to grips with schoolboy and youth football promotion, New Zealand will leave them for dead within five years from now.

It has taken a long time for New Zealand to look at Australia in trade, sport and politics in the manner it looks to Britain.

The Kiwis are just starting to move ahead in world soccer.

If the ASF Council generally can be jolted into some serious and immediate planning of their responsibilities, then the Dempsey-McAndrew exchange of views will prove the turning point towards a genuine breakthrough to better things for the soccer public of both countries.



A lucky escape for APFA against St. George-Budapest at Lambert Park last Saturday as Watkins and the sprawling Taylor are beaten by the flight of the ball in this goalmouth scrimmage.

FOUR SHARE LEAD ON 300 POINTS

Four readers share the lead at the completion of Section 6 of the SOCCER WORLD-LA FIAMMA Readers' Contest.

Highest total achieved on the coupon which dealt with five Manchester United matches on their recent Australian tour was 110 points out of a possible maximum of 150 points.

We wish to remind contestants they must send their coupons either to SOCCER WORLD or to LA FIAMMA, and not to both, as some do, as this unnecessary duplication involves a lot of added work when results are compiled.

Section 6 results

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● New Contest question p. 2

EDITORIAL CAN WE AFFORD TO LOSE HIM?

Jim Bayutti's shock decision to retire from soccer — due to be announced this week — will no doubt dismay all segments of our community.

This would be a sad blow to both the Australian and the NSW Federations, which he has served so well.

Bayutti is easily the most controversial character our soccer has produced in many years.

He is far from faultless, as he readily admits.

He is apt to get carried away by his own enthusiasm and eagerness to get things moving.

Also, like so many other talented executives in other fields, he is sometimes reluctant to delegate authority and takes too much on himself.

But to offset these weaknesses, Bayutti has many qualities no other soccer administrator in Australia can claim.

He is an optimist to the point of being visionary and has proved it by sweeping Australia further into international soccer than anybody else before him.

Neither our entry into the World Cup, nor our tour of Asia in 1965 and 1967 would have been possible without his fierce drive.

National leader

It was also Bayutti's personal triumph when FIFA unanimously voted to form the Oceania Confederation.

But possibly his greatest virtue is that, despite living in Sydney, Bayutti is a truly Australian leader.

Time and time again he has openly stated that the development of soccer depends on the full co-operation of States.

To lose Bayutti would be nothing short of a tragedy.

It is absolutely certain that with him gone the gulf now dividing the States and the various factions within the States would widen to an alarming level.

This is not an attempt to demand the beatification of Jim Bayutti, nor is it our intention to portray him as the only saviour of our soccer.

Nobody knows it better than Bayutti that on many occasions in the past this very newspaper was his loudest — or only — critic.

But it would be foolhardy to let him make up his mind and retire without at least pleading with him to stay.

Australian soccer needs a "doer", a man of daring and incentive of Bayutti's calibre.

With due respect to our other able administrators, there is nobody who could adequately fill the vacancy.

BAYUTTI MAY QUIT SOCCER

— By PAUL DEAN —

Australia's leading administrator, Jim Bayutti is seriously considering to retire from all his present positions.

Bayutti is vice-president of the Australian and the NSW Federations.

According to a reliable report, Bayutti is about to inform ASF president Sir William Walkley of his decision.

For some time now Jim Bayutti has been in indifferent health.

Also, he feels he has somewhat neglected his successful business.

But the main reason behind Bayutti's surprise move is his frustration to unite soccer in Australia.

Only recently, he told SOCCER WORLD: "Every club in every State pulls against its Federation and all States pull against the ASF."

"ASF executive meetings now make decisions through bloc voting."

"Only a handful of people consider the future of the game as a whole, the others lose themselves in the jungle of petty politicking."

"Under our present system we have reached the zenith of our development."

"It's physically impossible to go any further, unless we change the entire structure of the ASF."

It seems that since then Bayutti has not changed his mind; he has reportedly told the ASF that he would not be available to lead the Australian team's tour to Asia.

It is almost certain NSW Federation President Frank Parsons will be manager of the team.

His assistant-manager may be Mike Weinstein from Melbourne, whose omission from the 1965 tour caused a furore at the time.

According to present plans, the team will be accompanied by the newly-appointed national coach, most probably Czechoslovakian-born Joe Venglos.

A doctor, masseur and a gear steward will also be included in the party.

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SECTION 8

These are my forecasts for the following Australian First Division matches, to be played on the weekend of July 22/23. (Put 1 for a "home" win, x for a draw, 2 for an "away" win. Don't put actual scores.)

NSW Prague v. Polonia

Croatia v. Hakoah

VIC Juventus v. Slavia

Alexander v. George Cross

SA Croatia v. Victoria

Austria v. Lion

QLD G. Thistle v. Coalstars

Hollandia v. Merton

WA Cracovia v. Tricolore

Olympic v. Perth City

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Each week SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA will publish progress scores in the voting.

First prize in the READERS CONTEST will be one economy class return air ticket to Italy by ALITALIA.

The winner of this section will be the reader who accumulates the highest number of points throughout the various stages of the Contest.

For each section — the second appearing today — various points will be awarded. These, after the completion of each section, will be added up and tabulated, thus each reader's score will be carefully checked and kept. Progress standings will be periodically published in both SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA.

● Closing date for Section 8: 3 p.m., Saturday, July 22.

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

Despite the eight First Division matches on the program last weekend, the aggregate attendance in Sydney and Woonona was a mere 14,600 spectators — less than 1,850 people per match. Attendances at the vital APIA v. St. George and Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic games were particularly disappointing since neither even attracted 4,000 spectators. There is little doubt that the exhilarating football served up by Manchester United has affected club attendances, but these are expected to increase in the next few weeks as the competition reaches its exciting climax.

Canterbury seem to have unearthed a winner in new Scottish forward, LAWRENCE WATERS, who made his debut in their reserve team last weekend.

Waters, who was recommended to the Berries by Gerry Hood, played formerly for Albion Rovers. A dynamic forward, he is expected to make his first team debut soon, perhaps as soon as this weekend as Canterbury are hard hit with injuries to star forwards.

JOHN WARREN has lost his job as a result of his two-week period with the Australian squad which played Scotland. The Australian Federation has offered the national team vice-captain some financial compensation for his loss of employment.

All CONCORDIA home games in future will be played at Mackay Park, not at Tempe Reserve.

The AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION has donated \$5000 to the Coaches' Federation

AMATEUR DRAW

SATURDAY, JULY 8

First Division: Sydney Uni. v. Uni. NSW — St. Paul's Oval; Concordia v. Marrickville — Mackay Park; Wenty Waratahs v. South Sydney — Jones Park; Artamon v. Ryde — Artamon Reserve.

Second Division: Gymea v. Guildford — Seymour Shaw Park; Liverpool Inter v. Arncliffe Scots — Jardine Park; Yagoona v. Penrith — BTSC Reserve.

Third Division: Condell Park v. Dee Why — Banksstown Showground; Padstow RSL v. Smithfield — Padstow Oval; Kuring-gai v. Greenacre — Asquith Park; Blacktown Spurs v. St. Marys — Maryong Oval.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

First Division: Lidcombe v. Thistle — Coleman Park; Granville Kewpies v. North Sydney — Colquhoun Park.

Second Division: Belmore v. Auburn — Rudd Park; Riverside Rapids v. East Side MTK — Mahoney Park; Warringah Saints v. All Stars — Dee Why Oval.

Third Division: St. Marys v. Liverpool City — Jamison Park; Blacktown Spurs v. Gladsville-Horneby — Maryong Oval; Enmore v. Willoughby — Mackay Park.

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Ryde's experienced forward JACK VAN DER WALL has meniscus trouble and is likely to have a cartilage operation soon.

Newly arrived young Englishman KEN AKERS made an excellent debut last weekend in St. George's reserve team.

Artamon's PROTEST against Concordia has been upheld. The result of their recent match now reads 1-0 for Concordia instead of 2-1 for Concordia. The protest was over the substitution of a player by Concordia in the second half. In amateur inter-suburban matches only the goalie can be replaced at any time.

The executive of the AUSTRALIAN COACHES' FEDERATION will meet on July 22 in Sydney. This will be a preliminary to a later session at which the ACE will complete plans up to 1970 for all levels of coaching in Australia.

WARRINGAH SAINTS, the amateur inter-suburban club, actively sponsors country soccer. Last week they staged games in Sydney against Muswellbrook. After the matches the visitors were taken to watch the Manchester United v. NSW match at the Showground. In September Saints will invite another country club, Orange, for a series of matches.

A minute's silence was observed at all Sydney and South Coast matches last weekend in respect of leading referees' inspector, DON McDONALD, who passed away during the week.

HARRY HILL, a former APIA reserve grade coach, will join the progressive Western Suburbs as Joe Marston's assistant.

BALGOWNIE players for the first time have been offered an incentive bonus for winning matches. Alarmed at the team's slump this season, officials are determined to strengthen the side next season and sign better known, experienced players. There is also an outstanding chance that the team may be sponsored by the wealthy Balgownie Leagues club in 1968.

So far three First Division clubs have changed their COACHES since the start of the season. The clubs and their newest coaches, with the departures in brackets: APIA — Mazzina (Iglesias); Polonia

— Azzopardi (Szegedi, Nowacki); Melita — Vlasits (Jaros, Don Brown).

St. George-Budapest vice-president SIGI BORDACS returned last week from Europe. While in Hungary, he made tentative arrangements for a late January visit by the crack Ferencváros team.

MELITA EAGLES are organising a contest to find a "Miss Melita Eagles" (beauty) and a "Mr Melita Eagles" (physique). Winners will be crowned at the Melita clubhouse on August 12. The Supporters' Club has organised a variety program to be held at the Leichhardt Town Hall. Particulars "Miss Melita", phone 631-9295.

MARRICKVILLE should show 20 points on the First Division Inter-Suburban com-

petition table, not 19.

JOHNNY THOMAS, Lane Cove's centre-forward, broke a leg in the match against Sutherland and may not play again this season.

Melita Eagles have signed two new players from England. Both had their first run (one half each) last week in the reserves against Polonia. They are ROGER KERRY, formerly of Crystal Palace, and Letchwood Town's DENNIS WEBB. Both are inside-forwards.

The NSW Federation of Soccer Coaches' next GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Western Suburbs Soccer Club, Bevin Ave., Fivedock, this Friday at 8:30 p.m. Films and a talk by one of Sydney's top coaches on the coaching of juniors will also be on the program.

12 JUST MEN AFTER CUP

— BY PAUL DEAN —

Senior NSW official Tom Grimson will visit Melbourne in the next few days with a single mission — to salvage the Australia Cup.

He will go at the request of 12 Sydney First Division clubs, who unanimously agreed at a special meeting on Tuesday night to press on with the Australia Cup this year.

Tom Grimson will try to persuade Victorian clubs to accept an amendment to the NSW proposition about the Cup which the Victorians had rejected at the ASF executive meeting — three weeks ago.

This amendment, prepared by Grimson himself, suggests that 12 teams from all over Australia should take part in the Cup, which would be staged between September 23 and October 9.

If this is acceptable to the Victorians there will be no interference with the proposed tour of Asia by an Australian team later in October.

However, the 12 Sydney clubs are prepared to consider Victoria's difficulty with the post-competition Dockerty Cup and, if necessary, start the Australia Cup later, as the Victorians had originally suggested.

The Sydney clubs are also prepared to accede to the wish of Victorian dele-

gates to the ASF, who had proposed that 18 teams, clubs, who unanimously agreed at a special meeting on Tuesday night to press on with the Australia Cup this year.

In this case the Cup would extend to the middle of November.

It's a known fact that the other States, as well as Northern NSW and the ACT, are anxious to retain the Cup and are happy to support any firm plan and the only hurdle to overcome is the difference of opinion between NSW and Victoria.

Should the latter plan be adopted at the talks between Tom Grimson and the Victorian clubs, it is certain that there will be strong interference with the ASF's Asian tour plans.

However, the onus for that will not be on the Sydney clubs.

Indications are that Ansett-ANA are once again willing to sponsor the Australia Cup to the tune of \$6,000, which would be part of the prize-money.

The balance — \$4,000 — would be put up by the ASF.

In view of the unanimous action of the Sydney clubs, it can now be regarded as certain that in one form or another there will be an Australia Cup in 1967.

AMATEUR RESULTS & TABLES

DIVISION I

Marrickville v. Syd. Uni.	2-1	2-0
St. Sydney v. Concordia	1-2	0-1
Thistle v. Wenty War.	5-1	0-7
Uni. NSW v. Kewpies	2-0	2-0
Nth Sydney v. Artamon	1-0	0-0
Ryde v. Lidcombe	1-1	6-1
Artamon v. Uni. NSW	4-1	3-0

	W	D	L	F	P
North Sydney	9	3	2	35	17
Marrickville	8	3	3	34	27
Artamon	8	3	3	27	28
Ryde	7	2	3	30	13
Concordia	7	2	5	22	16
South Sydney	5	5	3	30	18
Uni. NSW	4	4	2	20	11
Wenty War.	4	3	5	31	11
Thistle	3	3	6	25	9
Kewpies	3	3	8	19	38
Lidcombe	1	4	8	15	31
Sydney Uni.	1	2	10	16	39

DIVISION II

East Side v. Belmore	1-0	2-2
Guildford v. Riverside	1-1	3-1
Arncliffe v. Yagoona	postponed	
Auburn v. L'pool Inter	4-2	2-2
Penrith v. Warringah	postponed	
All Stars v. Gymea	1-3	3-2

	W	D	L	F	P
East Side	9	3	1	31	13
Guildford	6	5	3	36	27
Riverside	6	4	3	36	26
Belmore	6	4	4	30	24
Gymea	6	4	3	28	16
Warringah	6	2	4	32	16
All Stars	5	3	5	28	13
Arncliffe	4	4	5	21	22
Penrith	4	2	7	24	28
Yagoona	3	3	6	21	28
Auburn	3	2	8	21	45
L'pool Inter	2	1	11	18	52

DIVISION III

G'ville-Hby v. St. Marys	2-5	2-3
Willoughby v. Padstow	7-1	2-2
Smithfield v. Cond. Pk.	2-2	1-4
G'ville-Hby v. Padstow	7-0	9-0
Dee Why v. Blacktown	6-0	
L'pool City v. Kuring-gai	6-1	2-1
Greenacre v. Enmore	2-8	0-1

	W	D	L	F	P
Enmore	14	—	—	119	17
St. Marys	10	—	—	37	30
Dee Why	9	2	3	49	29
Condell Park	8	2	4	50	32
G'ville-Hby	7	2	4	40	30
Willoughby	7	1	6	43	40
L'pool City	5	3	3	31	42
Smithfield	4	2	7	29	49
Blacktown	4	2	7	20	48
Greenacre	4	1	8	36	72
Kuring-gai	2	—	11	23	49
Padstow RSL	—	—	—	13	75

Our national team has set high, new standard

— By LOU GAUTIER —

One of the most important lessons to emerge from the recent Scottish and Manchester United visits is that we should avoid overlapping tours in the future.

We just don't have the resources to tackle such a gigantic undertaking.

I am firmly of the opinion that the Australian national team comes first and have no quarrel with the effort which went into preparing the squad for the matches against the Scots.

However, as a result of this, the NSW team's preparation inevitably suffered.

With most of the NSW team on duty with the national side, the State team's pre-match activities were a shambles.

That under such circumstances NSW still managed to put up stirring performances against a team of the calibre of Manchester United is a tribute to coach Joe Marston, undoubtedly the most frustrated coach in Australia, and to the players.

By all means let's have two, even three, tours a year, but let's space them better in the future, preferably in February, March and October so not to interfere with local competitions.

Australian soccer at this stage cannot afford to divide its attention on more than one front as our resources, know-how and talent are too scarce to go around.

Strong squad

There is little doubt that the Australian squad was just about the strongest available.

Despite the inevitable protests from some States about the predominance of Sydney players, the majority of selections were justified.

There was, however, little point in selecting such a huge preliminary squad of 50-odd players, including some 30 from NSW, weeks before the first international.

As expected, most of the players fell by the wayside well before the final squad was announced, and one suspects they had only been selected in the first place to placate all States and show that the ASE was genuinely scouring the entire country to unearth the best talent available.

It may have been wiser to have appointed Joe Venglos before any selections were made, instead of presenting him with a fait accompli.

It should have been left to Venglos to tour the States, not briefly and hurriedly, but weeks before the squad was announced to give him a first-hand look at all Australian players.

The selection of the NSW team did not involve such long-term planning.

Because of national team commitments, the team had only one run together before the first Manchester game.

How simple it would all have been if both the Australian and NSW squads had been pooled!

There was certainly no need to duplicate the whole process.

While the "skeleton" NSW squad went through the motions of training in the weeks that preceded their clashes with United, the Australian squad set new standards for team preparation in Australia.

Never has an Australian team received so much attention.

Team manager Jim Bayutti pampered his players, made them feel important, and they all responded magnificently.

For the first time in Australia, the local team enjoyed the same privileges as the visitors and didn't feel like barely tolerated castaways.

This new attitude, I feel, is a significant milestone in Australian soccer.

The importance of the national team has been at long last recognized, and for this Jim Bayutti must take the credit.

VIP treatment

Having travelled and lived with the team in Adelaide and Melbourne I was very conscious of how thrilled and grateful the players were to be treated as VIPs.

Lasting bonds of friendship were forged during the two weeks the team was together and the experience greatly enriched every one of them — both on and off the field.

But more important it proved how beneficial these "camps" can be when expertly handled, as this one was.

By living and training harmoniously in congenial surroundings, the foundation of a national team capable of climbing to a more respectable hierarchy in world soccer may have been laid.

The way the Scotland tour was handled off the field, as far as the Australian team was concerned, was in my opinion the highlight of the tour, setting the standard for future national team preparations.

How did the Australian and NSW teams play against Scotland and Manchester United?

Venglos and Bayutti decided to adopt a strict 4-3-3 against the Scots, a sort of super-catenaccio which can be deadly efficient when mastered expertly.

They were going to take no chances that Australia's first full international at home — and this is exactly how the three matches against Scotland were listed by FIFA despite the Scots' claim to the contrary — ended in humiliating defeats.

The occasion was far too important for the Australians to play the game by instinct.

Just east your minds back to 1964 when Everton massacred the Australian team 8-2 and 5-1.

Forwards failed

The Australians played their "natural" game then, whatever that was supposed to mean, and the result was catastrophic.

Acutely aware that the hard facts of international soccer these days justify the end rather than the means, Australia was going to take no chances.

It must also be admitted that Bayutti and Venglos expected the Scottish team to be much stronger.

Although we at SOCCER WORLD had no illusions on that score, those in charge of the national team were convinced Scotland was sending a crack side.

Since a really top-class side, such as Manchester United,

This is the second of a series of articles examining all vital aspects of the Scotland and Manchester United visits.

for instance, would have torn the pants off a disorganised Australian team, Bayutti and Venglos were justified in taking every necessary precaution to avoid a catastrophe.

We did this to perfection, too well in fact as the touring Scots never deserved the compliment we paid them.

Australia, entirely on the defensive, held the Scots to 0-1 in Sydney.

The 4-3-3 had worked surprisingly well, as far as the defensive aspect was concerned that is.

This is always the easier of the two tasks in this system, the hard part is how to extricate yourself from defence to launch thrusting counter-attacks.

In this we failed in Sydney, as we did in Adelaide and Melbourne — for two main reasons, I thought.

First and foremost, evidently, we didn't have the forwards, with the possible exception of Baartz and Abonyi, to qualify as spearheads. Fast, elusive counter-punchers are the first requirements for the entire system to work.

That type of player is sadly lacking in Australia and, if it's any consolation, they aren't dime a dozen overseas either.

Thus in all three matches Australia took the field with a lopsided team.

We had the defence, almost on bloc, to make a success of the 4-3-3, but the forwards were just not there to put the finishing touches.

Hughes wasted?

The unevenness between defence and attack was too great a handicap for the team to overcome and we were forced into defence, hoping at best for a goalless draw.

A blunder in the assignment of midfield roles was, I feel, the second reason why we failed to force even one draw against a team well within our reach.

In all matches the "fetch-and-carry" role was assigned to Westwater whose job it was to bring the ball up front.

Westwater, in my opinion, was not suited for the part he had to play, barely out of his teens, he lacked the maturity and coolness to carry out such a vital task, even though he was one of the better Australians against the Scots.

Watkins, or particularly Hughes would have been a more ideal choice. Hughes fills this role in APIA and performed it brilliantly for NSW against Manchester United.

Against the Scots, however, both Watkins and Hughes were required to stay well back and devote their considerable talents to a purely defensive task, which they did admirably.

Despite these blemishes Bayutti and Venglos must be commended for sticking to their guns.

For the first time ever our national team was set a definite course and stuck by it through hell and high water.

Everything was not perfect, far from it in the tactics adopted, but a system as ar-

duous as the 4-3-3 cannot be assimilated in a fortnight.

Others have tried it for months, even years, with slow progress.

The important thing is that the Australians adhered to a stringent tactical code — for the first time ever for most it must be added.

After all, how many clubs in Australia have adopted the 4-3-3?

It would be unrealistic to have expected the national team to assimilate a totally foreign system in so short a space of time.

New breed

Joe Marston's Sydney and NSW teams didn't take the field with the sole object of restricting the score.

By rising to the occasion, however, and surprising one and all by not showing the slightest trace of an inferiority complex, the Sydney team not only kept the scores down against Manchester United, but entertained delighted crowds with entertaining, aggressive football.

It was clearly evident in both matches that those players who had starred for Australia against Scotland were also Sydney and NSW's key players.

Watkins, Hughes, Marnoch, Westwater, Warren and Baartz all showed the benefit of their tough Scottish grind.

The superb NSW half-back line was the same that played for Australia. The three internationals against the Scots undoubtedly helped pave the way for NSW's fine performance.

Every player who doubled up was faster, fitter and far more confident in his ability. The most pleasing aspect of NSW's display was the emergence of a talented, young breed of Australian-born, or bred, players.

For the first time in 10 years the local context prevailed in the State team where every player, with the exception of Holden, who only played one half, was eligible to represent Australia in the international sphere.

Lasting effect

To sum up the two tours I would say that the Scottish visit may have the more lasting effect on our soccer.

This may shock many people but don't forget Manchester were here to play friendly, at times light-hearted, exhibition matches.

The Scots, on the other hand, may have come here on a business holiday at first, but in each of the three internationals they were forced to produce their best and fight desperately for the narrowest of victories.

Their tour also set in motion the most extensive preparation undertaken by any Australian team and created a hitherto non-existent awareness and pride in international soccer throughout Australia.

The foundations for Australia's 1970 World Cup campaign were laid in the sweat and toil of the three matches against the Scots when full international football came to Australia for the first time.

DEFERRED GAMES

Berries and APIA in "away" wins

APIA, on Sunday, and Canterbury, on Saturday, won their deferred matches last weekend.

APIA beat Polonia 5-2 for SCU; Hoare 53 min., Paxinos 80 min. for Canterbury.

Our match reports: Referee: H. Parsons. Crowd: 1,287.

— Len Simmons

South Coast v.

Canterbury 1-2

Well and truly outclassed in the first half, Canterbury came back with a bang after the interval to get the better of an over-confident South Coast in an absorbing game which produced first rate defensive football.

South Coast missed their chance to clinch the points in the first half.

Inspired by Romanos, who instigated most attacks from the midfield, the Berries held the initiative for the greater part of the second half and deserved their win as they took their chances with typical opportunism.

Details: SCU: Nuell 4; Ringland 4; Salisbury 4; Davies 4; Barnes 5; Carr 4; Beattie 3; Barnett 3; Harrison 3; Tolson 3; Paterson 3.

Coach: G. Barnett.

Total: 40.

Canterbury: Demopoulos 5; Whitehead 4; Mucillo 3; Galbraith 3; Sambrook 4; Romanos 5; Hoare 4; Hood 3; Rinos 3; Ninaus 3 APIA; Baker 77 min., Krawarz 78 min. for Polonia.

Coach: G. Polgar.

Total: 41.

Match rating: * * * *

Scorers: Tolson 13 min.

Polonia-NS v.

APIA 2-5

The score was a fair reflection of the play.

The game was in three distinct phases.

Polonia held APIA very creditably for 45 minutes, then for 25 minutes the APIA forwards, with the help of the panic-stricken local defenders, peppered Polonia's goal and, finally, Polonia came back to score twice.

Polonia-NS: Seymour 3; Filok 3; Skiba 4; Nowacki 4; Dzialach 3; Komoder 4; Adamson 3; Baker 3; Minol 3; Krawarz 3; Gak 3 (Calphy 3).

Total: 36.

APIA: Taylor 3; Van Blerk 4; Ackley 4; Hughes 4; Warkiss 4; Botalico 4; Campbell 4; Campana 5; Rivero 3; Blue 4; Giacometti 3.

Total: 42.

Match rating: * * *

Scorers: Campbell 50 and 71 min., Giacometti 52 min., Filok 60 min. (o.g.), Nowacki 64 min. (o.g.) for APIA; Baker 77 min., Krawarz 78 min. for Polonia.

Referee: H. Ellerts.

Crowd: 2,106.

— Keith Gilmour

SOCIAL CLUBS TO HOLD TALKS

The call for a meeting of soccer licensed clubs to see what could be jointly done to promote the game, made through these columns three weeks ago, met with a ready response.

The secretary of the Western Suburbs Soccer Club Ltd., Gordon Stratford, has convened a meeting at the club on Tuesday July 11, at 7.30 p.m.

Stratford stated that it was of utmost importance that the growing number of soccer social clubs became immediate successes.

Proper regard for the benefit of the members and promotion of football would bring this about, he said.

Based on the experience of Wests, soccer clubs can make a mark on the community, and on Australian sport generally within three years.

Sydney soccer clubs licensed so far are Bankstown, Sutherland, Northern Suburbs, Auburn, St.

George, and Western Suburbs.

In addition Canterbury, Granville, Gladesville, Hornsby, Manly-Warringah, Melita Eagles and Ku-ring-gai are at various stages of advancement.

Country clubs are South Coast, Adamstown, Rosebuds, and Wallend.

Many recreation clubs have a close affiliation with soccer.

These include Croatia, Hellenic, Marconi, APIA and Arncliffe Scots.

The coming meeting should help bridge the differences between the big junior districts, their seniors and existing and proposed social clubs.

Other interested bodies in the meeting are welcome to ring 83-8672 for an invitation to attend.

WANTED Soccer Professionals

Applications are invited from players between the ages of 16 to 20 years interested in becoming fulltime "trainee professional" soccer players.

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COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
APIA	10	2	1	40	10	22
Croatia	7	4	3	27	18	18
St. George	8	2	3	24	21	18
Hakoah	7	2	4	28	12	17
Pan Hellenic	7	1	5	26	21	15
Canterbury	6	1	6	28	31	13
SCU	4	3	7	23	28	11
Prague	4	4	5	20	24	10
Melita Eagles	4	2	8	17	27	10
Polonia-NS	4	2	8	17	28	9
Cumberland	4	1	8	17	28	9
Yugal	3	2	9	17	42	8

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hakoah	10	1	2	49	19	21
Pan Hellenic	9	1	3	28	19	19
Croatia	8	2	4	40	19	18
APIA	7	2	4	39	32	16
Prague	6	3	3	31	17	15
Polonia-NS	6	3	4	30	23	15
Cumberland	5	3	4	32	20	14
St. George	5	3	4	32	17	13
SCU	3	4	7	19	38	10
Melita Eagles	2	3	9	24	27	7
Yugal	2	1	11	17	56	5
Canterbury	—	4	9	15	40	4

Grade III.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Cumberland	12	1	—	48	15	25
Croatia	10	2	2	48	18	22
Prague	7	2	3	37	14	16
St. George	7	2	4	32	18	15
SCU	6	3	6	43	27	15
Hakoah	7	1	5	24	29	15
Canterbury	5	3	5	18	24	13
Polonia-NS	5	1	7	16	21	11
APIA	4	3	6	26	35	11
Pan Hellenic	4	2	7	19	23	10
Melita Eagles	1	1	12	16	42	3
Yugal	—	2	12	6	65	2

SECOND DIVISION

Grade I.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Manly	9	3	2	34	16	21
Granville	8	4	1	43	13	20
Bankstown	7	3	3	31	19	17
Western Subs.	7	3	3	32	23	17
Subsidiary	6	4	4	23	18	16
Corinthians	7	2	5	20	25	16
Hornsby-NE	4	6	4	26	22	14
N. Bankstown	5	1	7	18	19	13
Marconi	3	5	5	13	18	11
Balgownie	2	4	7	18	26	8
Lane Cove	1	4	8	7	25	6
Blacktown	1	1	11	16	35	3

Grade II.

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Subs.	10	2	2	46	20	22
Manly	9	3	2	45	18	21
Southfield	10	1	1	45	26	20
Bankstown	8	2	3	39	22	18
Granville	9	—	4	41	28	18
Hornsby-NE	6	1	5	39	27	17
N. Bankstown	5	3	5	32	22	13
Marconi	5	3	5	35	37	13
Balgownie	4	2	7	19	28	10
Corinthians	1	5	8	18	34	7
Lane Cove	1	1	11	15	43	3
Blacktown	—	2	11	9	68	2

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION (Second and Third Grade)

APIA v. St. George	2-1	0-2
Polonia v. Melita Eagles	2-0	2-0
SCU v. Canterbury	2-1	3-0
Croatia v. Prague	0-0	1-2
Polonia v. APIA	0-2	4-2
Cumberland v. SCU	0-0	3-2
Hakoah v. Pan Hellenic	5-2	2-1
Yugal v. Canterbury	2-0	0-0

SECOND DIVISION (First and Second Grade)

Hornsby v. Balgownie	1-1	0-1
Bankstown v. Lane Cove	2-1	2-0
Corinthians v. Blacktown	1-0	8-0
Manly v. Suburbs	2-1	3-1
Corinthians v. Marconi	2-0	2-1
Hornsby v. Granville	0-1	2-3
Balgownie v. N. Bankstown	1-1	1-1
Blacktown v. West Sub.	0-1	0-6

LEADING SCORERS

Giacometti (APIA)	13
Karyannis (Pan Hellenic)	12
Warren (St. George)	11
Baartz (Hakoah)	10
Hood (Canterbury)	9
Watkins (APIA)	9
Logan (Pan Hellenic)	8
J. Alagich (Yugal)	7
Giles (Croatia)	7
Keddie (Cumberland)	7
Ninaus (Canterbury)	7
Tolson (SCU)	7

TEAM OF THE WEEK

DEMOPOULOS (Canterbury)
HUNTER (Melita Eagles)
OMEROS (Pan Hellenic)
SCHAEFER (St. George)
WATKISS (APIA)
ROMANOS (Canterbury)
KEDDIE (Cumberland)
CAMPANA (APIA)
CLISS (St. George)
LISSING (Prague)
GOLDIE (Cumberland)

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

A.P.I.A.
0 (0)

St. George
0 (0)

Polonia
2 (1)
Baker 44 min., Adamson 54 min.

Melita E.
4 (2)
Mullan 5 min., Mulqueeny 20 min., Woods 71 min. (penalty), Hewlett 76 min.

Croatia
2 (1)
Reynolds 11 min., Fraser 51 min.

Prague
2 (1)
Lising 13 min., Gauto 30 min.

Hakoah
1 (0)
Baartz 86 min.

P. Hellenic
1 (1)
Blitz 34 min.

Yugal
3 (2)
J. Alagich 5 min., Lalic 44 min., Edwards 77 min.

Canterbury
4 (2)
Hood 2 and 20 mins., Rinos 46 min., Hardy 82 min.

Cumberland
3 (0)
Keddie 66 and 72 mins., Moffatt 88 min.

Sth. Coast
0 (0)

HOW THEY LINED UP

Taylor 4, Van Blerk 4, Ackerley 4, Hughes 5, Watkiss 5, Bottalico 4, Campbell 3, Campana 3, Rivero 2 (Kerklaan 2), Blue 4, Giacometti 3.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: M. Mazzina.

Haffey 4, Stegbauer 3, Hillary 4, Schaefer 5, Morgan 4, Zuckerman 4, Price 2 (Todd 3), Isaac 4, Cliss 5, Warren 3, McColgan 3.

TOTAL: 41

Coach: L. Hegyes.

Seymour 2 (Owers 2); Filok 4, Skiba 2; Nowacki 3, Dzialach 4, Komoder 4; Adamson 3, Minol 4, Baker 3, Krawiarz 3, Gaik 4.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: G. Azzopardi.

Eaton 3; Hunter 5, Falzon 4; Cilia 4, Woods 4, Hewlett 4; Stuart 2 (Williams 2), Mulqueeny 3, Mullan 4, Azzopardi 4, Reid 3.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Corry 3; Lincoln 5, Sloan 3; Curry 3, Shepherd 3, Snedden 3; Massey 2, R. Cush 3, Fraser 3, Reynolds 4, F. Cush 4.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: M. Kls.

Earl 3; Harcombe 4, Moulson 3; Blacker 3, Zeman 2, Scheinflug 4; Povey 3, Bianco 4, R. Manuel 3, Lissing 4, Gauto 3.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: J. Venglos.

Wilson 4; Edwards 3, Hillsdon 4; Walsh 3, Marnoch 5, Duffy 4; Harding 4 (Jones 3), Fekete 3, Baartz 3, Yaager 2, Holden 4.

TOTAL: 39

Coach: T. Jelskovic.

Clarke 3; Johnston 4, Omeros 4; Westwater 5, Cole 4, McCulloch 4; Smith 3, Logan 2, Hignett 4, Laraman 2, Blitz 4.

TOTAL: 39

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

Separovic 3 (Petrou 3); Halpin 4, Crnic 3; Dunaj 5, Banicevic 3, Rafanelli 3; J. Alagich 3, M. Alagich 3, Bobic 2 (Stosich 2), Lalic 3, Edwards 3.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: F. Dunaj.

Demopoulos 3; Whitehead 4, Mucillo3; Galbraith 4, Sambrook 4, Romanos 3; Rinos 3, Hood 3 (injured), Kauz 4, Paxinos 2, Hardy 4.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: G. Polgar.

Hopkins 4; Addison 2, Dell 4; Geppert 3, Thomson 4, Entwistle 4, Keddie 4, Grant 3, Smith 2, Moffatt 4, Goldie 4.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: L. Quesed.

Nuell 4; Ringland 3, Cuthbert 3 (injured); Davies 4, Barnes 3, Salisbury 3; Harrison 2, Tristram 3; Barnett 4, Tolson 3, Paterson 3.

TOTAL: 35

Coach: G. Barnett.

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

Match rating: * * * * *

This was an exciting, enjoyable match and, unlike so many ties between them in the past, also clean and incident-free, largely due to the excellent refereeing. Taken as a whole, the teams were pretty even and the result was fair. St. George, however, had more chances to win both points especially towards the end when surprisingly enough it was APIA which showed signs of fatigue. Quite a few players were in "representative form," notably Cliss and Schaefer from the Saints, both absentees from recent State and national squads.

Crowd: 3,200.

Referee: N. Jones.

— PAUL DEAN

Match rating: * * * * *

With two goals in each half, Melita Eagles broke a long-standing hoodoo by convincingly beating Polonia for the first time ever. Polonia's forward-line was their downfall. The forwards were guilty of hesitation both in shooting and passing and never held onto the ball long enough to relieve the great pressure on their overworked defence. Melita Eagles' defence and attack combined with fine understanding, never allowing Polonia to take control of the midfield. Only bad lapses by the usually reliable Eaton enabled Polonia to score twice, and actually draw level in the 54th minute before a penalty sealed their fate in the last 20 minutes. Melita fullback Hunter was the best player on the field, constantly turning defence into attack and easily containing his direct opponent.

Crowd: 1,100.

Referee: J. Henkelman.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Match rating: * * *

A superb goal by Reynolds, who finished off a dazzling move in which four Croatia players participated, was the sole highlight of a dull, uninteresting game. Croatia, although they had more of the ball, were rarely dangerous and seldom looked like scoring. At the finish they were lucky not to go down to a more spirited, enterprising Prague and can thank Zeman's monumental mistake, which resulted in Fraser's goal, for even sharing the points. The improved Prague, at any rate, clearly emerged moral victors.

Crowd: 1,050.

Referee: F. Woolman.

— KEVIN D'ARCY

Match rating: * * *

Despite Hakoah's clear-cut superiority in the first 15 minutes, the first half was Pan Hellenic's. Faster and more aggressive, they often outplayed a shaky Hakoah defence which can thank the rock-like Marnoch for keeping them in the match until halftime. Pan Hellenic once again tired badly in the second half, allowing Hakoah to exert more and more pressure as the game progressed and it was no surprise Baartz (who else?) equalised with a time running out. A draw was a fair result in a match where all the action occurred in the field, both attacks seeing little of the ball. Referee Boskovic gave a flawless display.

Crowd: 3,800.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * * *

Showing the signs of a strenuous weekend, especially in the second half, Canterbury fought doggedly against a spirited Yugal to snatch a well-earned win. Canterbury were on top in the first half and should have had a good lead at the break, but they badly missed the opportunism of Ninaus and Hoare. Yugal were very dangerous in the second half and were unlucky not to score on several occasions. The game was even and a draw would have been a good result. Dunaj was the outstanding player on the field, but his splendid promptings were wasted by his team-mates.

Crowd: 1,250.

Referee: L. Rao.

— STEPHEN PAIN

Match rating: * * *

Cumberland for the first time for many weeks vacated the last place with a comfortable win over a weary South Coast. Bolstered by the clever promptings of newcomer Moffatt, Cumberland rattled on three quick goals in a 22-minute period in the second half after play had been drab before the interval. Moffatt, besides scoring a goal, added some much-needed steadiness in the Cumberland side and although seemingly overweight looks to be a good gain. South Coast, obviously affected by their second game in 24 hours, were very disappointing and only Barnett impressed in their forward line.

Crowd: 1,213.

Referee: A. Faraone.

— ALAN SPEERS

YUGAL MAY BE LEFT BEHIND AT THE BOTTOM OF TABLE

— By PAUL DEAN —

The bottom of the table is getting more and more exciting with half a dozen teams still concerned with the problem of relegation.

Yugal are in the most precarious position for another loss this week may result in a gap opening between them and their closest rivals.

At the top, APIA still lead comfortably and there is little chance that their margin will be reduced by Sunday night.

Prague v. Cumberland

Last weekend both teams received a rather unexpected boost: Prague snatching a point from SS-Croatia and Cumberland collecting four points in two matches.

Their clashes in the past have always been close affairs: five of their seven matches ended in a 3-2 one way or the other but there's never been more than the odd goal between them.

Prague, though weaker than in the past and plagued by financial troubles, are still a somewhat under-rated team.

They have a good middle class combination which can click and clinch some unexpected points.

Cumberland are having a splendid run and now that they got away from the bottom of the table will certainly gain added confidence.

This will probably produce a close result again — and perhaps their first ever competition draw.

St. George v. Yugal

Having collected a most valuable point at Lambert Park and maintained their long unbeaten record, the Saints seem to have an easier hurdle this time.

Their defence is operating extremely well with some players — Hillary, Schaefer, Zuckerman — in top form.

Out front they are in the fortunate position of having a Chis and a Warren, both match-win-

ners and if one has an off-day, the other still keeps the line moving.

Yugal are plainly in trouble, having slipped down to the bottom and being without much positive hope for the future.

Their shaky defence has conceded 42 goals so far, by far the most in First Division.

Their forwards are only one cut above this and whatever they achieve, do so through individual efforts.

We can't see the Saints falter here and anything but a convincing victory would come as a major surprise.

Pan Hellenic v. Polonia-NS

Obviously Pan Hellenic need a lift to get back into the run for a semifinal place — and hapless Polonia may provide just the lift they need.

For two weeks running Pan Hellenic's strange tactics have backfired: trying to hang on to a narrow lead they have dropped three valuable points.

On top of this, they are not playing well and only Westwater and Blitz seem to know precisely which way the goal is, now that Karyannis is cooling his heels on the sidelines.

Polonia, having conceded 13 goals in their last three games, must start worrying about the state of their defence.

Their approach-play is attractive and clever but structurally the team has too many weak spots to achieve lasting success.

Pan Hellenic should clinch the match and move upwards once again.

South Coast v. Hakoah

Two narrow defeats last weekend put paid to South Coast's semifinal chances.

Scoring only once and conceding five goals speaks for itself.

The provincials are having one of their most undistinguished seasons and with any sense, would start rebuilding now for 1968.

Hakoah are disjointed and lacklustre, especially their forward line which lacks punch and drive.

At Woonona they will have their work cut out, as always, to rescue the points: over the years their record there is three wins and three losses.

With South Coast certain to try and make amends, this could be a close struggle.

Canterbury v. Croatia

If Ninaus and Hood are unavailable, Canterbury's magnificent run of wins may end.

It would automatically lift Croatia out of the rut where they have been ever since their great win over APIA.

Canterbury's revival has been closely linked to the arrival of several new faces, especially the golden boots of Ninaus and Hood without whom they would be at a great disadvantage.

Croatia are in a slump and the reason cannot only be the absence of Giles.

Coach Kiss is clever enough to find the antidote soon and put his team back on the winning trail.

Unless Canterbury can field their full team, they could be in trouble.

Melita Eagles v. APIA

Five points from four matches under new coach Joe Vlasits is the happy record of the Eagles.

They play with more purpose and certainly to a better pattern than before but the talent available is still pretty meagre.

APIA may wake up to the fact that Watkins is an utter luxury at stopper in club football.

While undoubtedly our best stopper in NSW, his considerable talents as a forward are badly missed by APIA.

With Rivero, Kerklann, Giacometti and even young

ROUND 15

Campbell out of touch, the APIA forwards, without Watkins, may find it hard to penetrate the well-organised Melita defence.

Sill, we expect an APIA victory though those who remember the titanic struggle in the first clash between these two may think otherwise.

Prague v. Pan Hellenic

Both teams will double up after a Saturday match and the obvious question to ask is, which is the fitter of the two?

Pan Hellenic usually concede some silly goals towards the end but have the easier of the two opponents the day before, the slow-moving Polonia.

For Prague two points this weekend is an absolute must unless they are prepared to slip down the table — and if they miss their quota on Saturday, no doubt they will try to recoup them on Sunday.

Pan Hellenic go for the double, knowing that four points could put them back into the semifinal race.

They are the slight favorites but a draw is very possible.

REFEREES

Prague v. Cumberland — A. Sorbie; Pan Hellenic v. Polonia — M. Buchanan; St. George v. Yugal — A. R. Brown; SCU v. Hakoah — H. Elderts; Melita Eagles v. APIA — A. Boskovic; Canterbury v. Croatia — K. Lockrey; Prague v. Pan Hellenic — J. Scarborough.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Prague v. Cumberland — Marks Field
St. George v. Yugal — SCG No. 2
Pan Hellenic v. Polonia-NS — Wentworth Park
Bankstown v. Granville — Bankstown Oval
Lane Cove v. Manly — Pottery Green
Marconi v. Hornsby-NE — Marconi Oval

SUNDAY, JULY 9

SCU v. Hakoah — Woonona Oval
Canterbury v. Croatia — Arlington Oval
Melita Eagles v. APIA — Mona Park
Prague v. Pan Hellenic — Marks Field*
Sutherland v. Corinthians — Seymour Shaw Park
Western Suburbs v. Bankstown — Concord Oval
North Bankstown v. Blacktown — George Green
Granville v. Balgownie — Macarthur Park
Lane Cove v. Marconi — Pottery Green*
* deferred matches.

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JULY 15

Cumberland v. Croatia — Mona Park
Yugal v. Melita Eagles — Marks Field
St. George v. Canterbury — SCG No. 2
Hornsby-NE v. Sutherland — Sommersville Park

SUNDAY, JULY 16

Polonia-NS v. South Coast — Drummoyne Oval
Hakoah v. Prague — Wentworth Park
APIA v. Pan Hellenic — Marks Field
Cumberland v. St. George — Mona Park
Corinthians v. Lane Cove — Jubilee Oval
Manly v. Bankstown — Graham Reserve
Balgownie v. Marconi — Balgownie Oval
Blacktown v. Granville — Francis Park
Nth. Bankstown v. Western Suburbs — George Green

RESULT SCOREBOARD

THIS WEEKEND'S MATCHES		PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	MARCEL NAGY	KEITH GILMOUR	CHARLES SPIER	ALAN SPEERS	MOST FAVORED
Prague v. Cumberland	x	x	x	1	2	x	x	
St. George v. Yugal	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
P. Hellenic v. Polonia	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
SCU v. Hakoah	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	
Canterbury v. Croatia	2	1	x	x	x	1	x	
Melita Eagles v. APIA	2	2	2	2	x	2	2	
Prague v. P. Hellenic	x	2	2	2	x	2	2	
Lane Cove v. Manly	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Marconi v. Hornsby	2	x	2	2	1	1	2	
Suther. v. Corinthians	1	1	x	1	x	1	1	
W. Subs. v. Bankstown	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	
Nth. Bans. v. Blacktown	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Granville v. Balgownie	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Lane Cove v. Marconi	1	2	1	x	2	1	1	
Bankstown v. Granville	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	

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South Coast				●	1-3	1-0	3-1		4-2	0-1	1-2	3-2
Pan Hellenic	1-3	1-0	2-0	1-0	●	2-3			2-3			
Prague	0-4	0-2	0-3	4-4		●	2-2				5-1	
Croatia	0-4	0-2		1-1	2-0	2-2	●		5-0	2-1	5-1	1-1
Yugal			3-7	1-1			●		2-1	4-1	3-4	
Cumberland	2-2	0-1	3-0	1-5	2-1			●			1-5	1-0
Polonia	2-5		1-1	0-6	1-2		0-0	2-0	●		0-5	2-4
Canterbury	0-2		0-1	5-4			1-2			●		1-1
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ROUND THE WORLD

Burmese call tour off

The Burmese national team, winners of the 1965 Asian Games, has called off a planned tour of China following recent anti-Chinese demonstrations in the capital, Rangoon. Burma were to have played in China and also North Korea. The match against the Koreans at Pyongyang would have been the highlight of the Asian soccer season as it was billed as a clash for Asian supremacy. North Korea, revelation of the 1966 World Cup, did not take part in last year's Bangkok Asian Games.

Gornik's fifth championship

Gornik Zabrze made sure of clinching their fifth Polish title in a row when they held Zagłębie, Joe Galeczka's team, to a 2-2 draw in the last round of the competition. Zagłębie were runners-up, three points behind Gornik, and Ruch third. Zawisza and Cracovia have been relegated.

Swede's scathing attack

Harry Bild, the highly-rated Swedish international who played two seasons for Holland's Feyenoord, has returned to Sweden to play for Second Division Öster JFS. Bild, in a scathing attack on Dutch soccer, told a Swedish newspaper that football in Holland was "the roughest in the world" and that Dutch players "lacked imagination and were totally unsuited for soccer." Bild claims he wasted two years of his career in Holland and advises foreign players not to join Dutch clubs, which he calls "amateur outfits run by super-amateurs."

Women "too rough"

Brazil has abolished its women's soccer league. The reason given was that the matches produced "too many brawls which are detrimental to the image of soccer — and women."

Singers galore

More and more Yugoslav players turn to singing. The latest recruits are goalkeeper Vidinc and forwards Dzajic and Hasanagic. Sadly cracked a Belgrade newspaper: "Our best players either sing or go abroad, but who is playing soccer at home?"

Mitropa Cup final

The 25th Mitropa Cup final will be played between Ujpest of Hungary and Trnava of Czechoslovakia. So far Hungarians have won the trophy 12 times while Czechoslovak, Italian and Austrian teams four times each. The last time Ujpest triumphed was in 1939.



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The mass-circulation FRANCE FOOTBALL reports that Bobby Charlton was tremendously impressed by Schroif's display in goal for Victoria. Charlton is reported to have said that Schroif, whose dazzling performance in the first Melbourne match held Manchester United to a 1-1 draw, is still good enough to play in any First Division English club.

● Eintracht Frankfurt of Germany won the 1966-67 Rappan Cup, beating Slovan Bratislava in the final on a 4-3 aggregate.

● The USSR played a 2-2 draw with a Scandinavian XI at Helsinki last week. Five Swedes, two Finns, two Danes and two Norwegians played for Scandinavia.

● Giacinto Facchetti, Europe's top fullback, joins the Italian army for a two-year national service stint this week and gets married in November.

● Luis Suarez, Europe's Footballer of the Year in 1960 married Nieves Aragallera Borea, his childhood sweetheart, at Coruna, Spain, last week.

● The Dallas Tornados, member of the FIFA-affiliated US Association, will tour the Middle East and Far East later this year under the auspices of the US State Department as a goodwill gesture.

● Middlesex Wanderers, the combined English amateur side, have just completed a six-match Asian tour. They won three games and lost three, in South Korea, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Ceylon.

● Santos started their nine-match European tour with a 1-0 victory at Venice against local Italian First Division side, Venezia. Pele scored the winning goal.

● Napoli and Juventus are on the tanks for Corso, the brilliant Italian international winger of Inter Milan. Corso, for the first time of his career, is on the transfer list — as a result of Inter's new "spendthrift" policy.

● Penarol may sack their coach, Maspoli, the former Uruguayan international goalie. He is being made the scapegoat for the team's defeat by Brazil's Cruzeiro in the South American Champions' Cup.

● Franz Roth, the scorer of Bayern Munchen's winning goal in the recent European Cupwinners' Cup final against Rangers, is out of action. He had his tonsils removed last week.

● The crack Sao Paulo team, Palmeiras, beat Japan's national team 2-0 in Tokyo last week in front of 35,000 spectators. A few days earlier Palmeiras had won the Gomes Pedrosa Tournament, Brazil's unofficial national club championship.

● Inter Milan have withdrawn from the 1967-68 Fair Cities' Cup to concentrate all their energy in regaining the Italian league title lost this year.

● Odd records: Inter Bratislava lost all their 13 away matches in the recently concluded Czechoslovakian championship.

● Since announcing his retirement, Raymond Kopa has received offers from six clubs. The 36-year-old star may now change his mind.

● Sepp Herberger, the retired grand old man of German soccer recently said in an interview that "too much money is making many soccer players too mercenary."

● Riva, the Cagliari star, is in great demand. However, the small Italian club is keen to retain the forward and in order to offer him sufficient "inducement," have issued 8,000 shares among their fans.

● For the eighth season, Inter Milan have renewed Helenio Herrera's contract. Italy's great "Il Magico" (the magician) wants to rebuild Inter from top to bottom.

● Hungary beat the French First Division team Valenciennes 3-0 in a "practice" match two weeks ago.

● Ante Kovacevic, Nantes' Yugoslav international forward returned home last week to join OFK Belgrade. The French club may replace him with Belgian international, Paul Van Himst, from Anderlecht.

SCOREBOARD

EUROPEAN NATIONS' CUP: Norway v. Bulgaria 0-0.

OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCHES: Spain v. Iceland 5-3, 0-0.

PORTUGAL (Cup semifinals, second leg): Setubal v. Porto 4-4; Academica v. Braga 4-1. Setubal and Academica will meet in the final.

SPAIN (Cup final): Valencia v. Atletico Bilbao 2-1 (1-0). Scorers: Jara 45 min., Zagreb.

Paquito 55 min. for Valencia and Argotti for Bilbao in the 64th minute.

YUGOSLAVIA: Velez v. Vojvodina 5-3; OFK Belgrade v. Vardar 4-1; Red Star Belgrade v. Dinamo Zagreb 0-1; Sarajevo v. Celik 5-2; Rijeka v. Sutjeska 2-0; Radnicki Nis v. Zeljeznicar 1-1; Zagreb v. Partizan Belgrade 2-1; Olimpija v. Hajduk Split 1-0. Sarajevo won the championship, two points ahead of Dinamo Zagreb.

Eleven million European players

According to the latest official figures released by the UEFA there are 10,968,740 registered players in Europe. The USSR tops the list with 3,800,000. Then follows West Germany (2,300,000), England (750,000), Holland (577,690), France (517,468), East Germany (394,875), Czechoslovakia (330,840), Poland (285,000), Yugoslavia (226,000), Italy (205,430), Austria (200,658), Denmark (180,000), Bulgaria (150,000), Sweden (140,000), etc. The Russians have the most referees: 180,000 the Germans 30,193 and the English 15,000. Holland's figures are misleading as they include soccer pool players, compelled under Dutch gaming laws to register with the FA to enter soccer pools.

Milani's record

So far only one player has appeared in a team that won both the European Champions' and Cupwinners' Cup: Milani. In 1961 he played with Fiorentina in the ECWC and in 1964 with Inter Milan in the ECC.

Scottish saga

Celtic Glasgow had 1,200,000 spectators at their home ground in the 1966-67 season. At the 17 league matches they had 580,000, at the League's Cup 150,000, at the Scottish Cup, 110,000, at the European Cup, 240,000 and at friendlies some 150,000 saw Celtic in Glasgow. All told, Celtic played 65 matches — and lost only three!

Bright young goalie

Sunderland goalkeeper Jim Montgomery is being hailed as England's future custodian by the British Press. Montgomery produced brilliant displays with England's Under-23 team on their recent Eastern European tour. He was England's best player against Greece (0-0) and Bulgaria (1-1). Montgomery, 21, may soon be on Ramsey's short list for Mexico in 1970.

Austrian amateurs win

Austria won Europe's first championship for amateur national teams. In the finale, staged in Spain, Austria defeated Scotland 2-1 in the final. Spain beat Turkey 2-0 in the third place play-off. Every European country, except those behind the Iron Curtain and Scandinavia, took part in the preliminaries.

Mazzola tops Italian poll

Sandro Mazzola won the annual popularity poll organised by the Milan afternoon newspaper, CORRIERE DELLA SERA. The Inter Milan star won narrowly from Helmut Haller and Facchetti. Suarez, for his part, didn't get a single vote, the first time this has happened since he came to Italy from Barcelona five years ago.

Unwanted foreigners

At the pressure of the new Greek government, two of the country's leading coaches, Bukovi (Hungarian) and Bobek (Yugoslav) must leave the country.

Asian all-stars crushed

Leicester City and Southampton played havoc with their opponents on their recent Far East tour. Leicester and Southampton crushed All-Asian XI's in exhibition games in Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore. Highlight of the English clubs' tour was their 2-2 draw at Kuala Lumpur before a crowd of 27,000. The All-Asian XI is coached by Dettmar Cramer, the FIFA coach, and comprised Asia's best players, North Korea and Communist China excepted.

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— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

The time was never more opportune to stage a full scale interstate championship series than now.

With NSW and Victoria making extravagant claims to outright superiority and the other States seething with indignation over the way their players were snubbed by the Australian selector, an interstate series should be a sell-out in all capitals.

Such a contest would serve to satisfy the honor of the States — an issue normally settled on a club level by the Australia Cup.

SA team manager and selector, Adrian Dockers, threw out a direct challenge to ASF senior vice-president, Jim Bayutti, in Adelaide last week.

Replying to Bayutti's comment on television that there

were "60,000 better players in Sydney than in Adelaide", Dockers said he would like Bayutti to bring 11 of his "thousands" to Adelaide with himself as team manager to face a SA side.

In a Brisbane newspaper, Ron Mitchell also expounded similar views recently.

He wrote: "The Australian Soccer Federation can find time and money to organise for Australia's participation in the World Cup."

"But it is appallingly pathetic when it comes to promoting interstate soccer in

its own country.

"Until 1964, Queensland played regularly against New South Wales and Victoria and against other Australian States to a lesser degree."

"But since 1964, Queensland has had neither a home game nor an away game against any Australian State."

"In 1965, Queensland, who were unbeaten in the soccer carnival in New Zealand at Easter, included Northern New South Wales among their victims."

"Lack of interstate competition is a real tragedy and a big disappointment to the soccer public and to players. And they have the hide in the South to select Australian teams (top-heavy with New South Welshmen and Victorians) without ever seeing a single Queensland in action."

"Yet the New South Wales and Victorian-dominated Australian Soccer Federation will boast to you that Australian

soccer is progressing so fast on a national scale that Australia will become a world soccer power in 10 years."

"Despite strong pleas from Queensland, a motion to resume interstate soccer competitions was beaten at the Australian Soccer Federation annual meeting in February."

"Queensland played 17 interstate matches between 1960 and 1964."

"Opponents were New South Wales (six times), Victoria (five), South Australia (three), Tasmania, Western Australia and Northern New South Wales (once each)."

"Against Queensland New South Wales had one big win, won three by single goals only, won one by two goals, and played one draw."

"And Queensland spoilt Victoria's soccer image and prestige by beating Victoria in their last three meetings."

"And that's probably why Victoria isn't keen to back up again for more matches."

Lawly dialogue

Now it can be told — or can it?

The famous Law incident in Perth began when referee Steadman whistled against Law for offside.

Law raced back to Steadman and shouted "bull or..."

Steadman took out his notebook and said: "What is your name?"

Law replied: "My name is Denis Law. I suppose it makes you f— happy to put that in your book!"

Steadman immediately sent Law off.

Melbourne to win

Somewhat lucky in salvaging one point from their game with George Cross, Melbourne are now only one point in front of Juventus and cannot afford a slip-up this week when they meet the struggling Makedonia.

Polonia, not over-impressive but collecting valuable points, may scramble through against Hakoah which seem to be suffering from an overdose of early successes.

The Lions v. Alexander match should be a grim struggle for points but Juventus v. George Cross has all the ingredients of a thriller.

Hellas and Slavia are both in the doldrums and are a far cry from the finish of last season when Hellas won the title with Slavia runners-up.

In the last game of the weekend, Croatia come to grips with JUST and should score a win.

Programme:

Saturday: Lions v. Alexander (Montgomery Park); Polonia v. Hakoah (Olympic Park); Makedonia v. Melbourne (Collier Reserve).

Sunday: Juventus v. George Cross (St. Kilda); SM Hellas v. Slavia (Middle Park); Croatia v. JUST (Olympic Park).

VICTORIAN RESULTS

Slavia 0 lost to Polonia 1 (Przybylski). George Cross 1 drew with Melbourne 1 (Evans, Abbott). Juventus 4 Lions 3 (De Marchi, Cross, Walker own goal, Mallow, Rosewell, Murney, Hill, House).

Alexander 1 drew with South Melbourne/Hellas 1 (Bourdanis, Nestorides).

Hakoah 0 lost to Croatia 3 (J. McKay 2, Votek). JUST 5 d. Makedonia 1 (Hughes 2, Adamovic, Martinovic, Gakovich, Grosdanov).

VICTORIAN TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Melbourne	8	2	2	29	11	20
Juventus	8	3	2	26	12	19
Hakoah	7	2	4	25	15	16
Croatia	7	2	4	24	16	16
SM Hellas	5	5	2	26	17	15
Polonia	7	1	2	25	18	15
Slavia	6	2	5	24	21	14
JUST	6	1	6	23	36	13
George Cross	2	3	5	18	24	9
Lion	3	1	2	16	22	9
Makedonia	2	1	10	16	63	5
Alexander	2	1	10	10	36	5

SCHOOLBOYS' CUP FINALS NEARING

In the Combined High Schools Tasman Cup competition, Booragul High defeated Narrabeen High 2-0 at Tredennick Oval, Newcastle, to become the fourth country school in the last remaining nine in the 1967 series.

The quarter final draw is— Berkeley v. winner Funchbowl v. Enmore; Wallend v. Strathfield South; Ibrox Park v. Cleveland St; Booragul v. Newcastle.

The NSW Amateur Association secretary, D. Childs has announced that the Sydney Metropolitan championship winners will again go straight into the State Championship finals in their grades.

This will leave Southern NSW winners to play

ALL AUST. RESULTS

VICTORIA

Division One: Sunshine 0, 2, Athens 3; Box Hill 3, Dandenong 0; Werribee 7, St. Albans 0; Traralgon 2, Australia 2; Coburg 1; Werribee 3; Sandringham 1; Springvale 3.

Division Two: University 3, Altona 3; PK. Rangers 4, Prahran 1; Albion 1, Brighton 1; Ferntree 2, Ajax 1; Bayswater 4, Frankston 0; Richmond 3, Ringwood 3.

Division Three: Waverley 2, Essendon 1; Kellor 10, Moorabbin 0; Croydon 1, Glenroy 2; Heidelberg 1, Chelsea 1; Flinders 1; Hercules 7; St. Kilda 0, South Yarra 2.

Division Four: Yallourn 6, Doncaster 0; Mooroolbark 4, Newport 0; ICI byes; Monash 2, Clayton 0; Hevelick 4; Mornington 1; Olympic 7; Rosebud 0.

NSW NORTHERN

Division One: Wallend 0, Awaba 1; Macquarie 2, Belconnen 0; Hamilton 0, Cardiff 2; W. Wallend 0, Newcastle 4; Adamstown v. Weston (postponed).

Division Two: Cessnock 2, New Lambton 3; Slavia 2, Pan Hellenic 0; Dudley 6, Young Wallend 3; Matildra 3, S. Wallsend 0; Mayfield 4, Jesmond 3.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Division Two: Wakefield 1, Birkalla 5; St. Adelaide 0, Malta 7; Beograd 3, Sturt 0; Azurri 3, Cumberland 2; Windsor 1; Campbelltown 2.

QUEENSLAND

Division One: (Ampol Cup) Meriton 2, Oxley 2; Latrobe 3, Coalstar 4; Hollandia 1; Thistle 2; Hellenic 3; St. Helens 2.

Division Two: Budapest 2, Duple 5; Barton 2, Arnerley 2; Polonia 7; GAP 2; Newmarket 0; Mitchellton 0; Easts 0; Azurri 3; Wynnum 1; Germania 1.

Southern: Rangers 3, Juventus 5; Croatia 3, Rapids 3; Olympic 7, S. Hobart 0; Calles 4, Eagles 1.

No North-Western fixtures. Combined Cup preliminary round between Northern and North-Western teams: Launceston Rovers 3, Concordia 1; Saints 3, Devonport 1; Paton and Belgrave 2, Ulverstone 3; Spartans, Rovers, South Launceston, Launceston United and Northern Juventus, byes.

WEST AUSTRALIA

State League: Olympic 3, Colteston 1; Perth City 2, Graciosa 3; Cockburn 2, Azurri 0; Swan Valley 2, Tricolore 2; Windmills 2, Swan Ath. 3.

Division Two: Julia 1, Kiev 1; Soerbro 0, Subisio 3; Athens 4, Maccabi 2; University, byes; Caledonian 3, Dalmatian 1.

WEAK W.A. SHOW MAY BE POINTER

— From ALLAN NEWMAN in Perth —

The genius of George Best, the artistry of Bobby Charlton and tradesmanlike displays by the rest of Manchester United's all-star cast offset the disappointment of WA fans at seeing Denis Law sent off in United's farewell match in Australia at the Perth Cricket Ground.

United lost Law after a verbal clash with referee Roy Steadman in the 33rd minute when the score was 3-0 but even with 10 men the English champions dazzled WA with a 7-0 caning.

WA's defence held out gallantly for 21 minutes, surviving two early sorties by Best, who had a goal disallowed in the 12th minute, when Kidd ran into an offside position, and missed a golden opportunity four minutes later when his first-time shot from a Charlton corner skimmed the bar.

But then the rot set in. Another Best rocket was only parried by goalkeeper Peter Mitchell and Law slammed the ball home from close range.

In the 24th minute Law returned the compliment by laying on United's second for Best.

Three minutes later, Best, side-stepping, feinting and swerving at astonishing speed, left a trail of WA defenders floundering as he cut through to beat Mitchell to the delight of the 20,000 crowd.

Then came the Law incident and the crowd was stunned when the United skipper got marching orders and headed for the players' bench on the touchline.

The second half was a repetition of the first, though United were now content to play mainly at half-pace, turning on the taps only in flashes.

WA had chances to score in the second half

ADELAIDE RESULTS

Elizabeth City v. Juventus 0-3; Sealcliff-Austria v. Port Adelaide 1-3; Croatia v. Polonia 3-3; Burnside-Budapest v. USC Lion 0-2; WA Hellas v. Victoria 6-0.

S'A TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hellas	8	3	—	31	8	19
Juventus	8	2	1	33	8	18
Polonia	6	4	1	15	7	16
Austria	6	—	5	14	13	12
Croatia	4	3	4	16	13	13
Budapest	3	2	5	11	15	10
Victoria	3	1	7	14	30	7
Elizabeth City	2	2	7	21	21	6
Lion	3	—	8	7	20	6
Port Adelaide	2	1	9	10	28	5

ADELAIDE PROGRAM

SATURDAY, JULY 3

FEDERATION CUP — Kick off 2.45 p.m.

- WA Hellas v. South Adelaide — Hindmarsh Stadium. Referee: Don Campbell.
- Port Adelaide v. USC Lion — ICI Oval. Referee: Ken Cadey.
- Sealcliff-Austria v. Juventus — Olympic Sports Field. Referee: Mick O'Malley.
- Orange-Sturt v. Azurri — Morlock Park. Referee: John Wharton.
- Victoria v. Cumberland — Blair Athol. Referee: John Spiers.
- Elizabeth City v. Para Hills — Ramsay Park. Referee: Bill Hosie.
- Croatia v. Burnside-Budapest — Hanson Reserve. Referee: Dennis Grant.
- University v. Polonia — Croydon Park. Referee: Ron Pearce.

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"DO-OR-DIE" WEEKEND FOR BUSY BANKSTOWN

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Both Manly and Granville won their matches by the closest of margins last weekend and the top of the table remains unchanged.

Bankstown and Western Suburbs fill the two immediate places while Sutherland and Hornsby dropped down the ladder after their defeats last week.

Corinthians, winning four points over the weekend, are only five points behind the leaders while North Bankstown also climbed up a few places after beating Balgownie.

Corinthians v. Blacktown 4-1

Corinthians took the lead through a penalty and at half time they led 2-1.

Poor shooting cost Corinthians a bigger win as they overhauled the locals for long periods.

Blacktown: Beczney-Zsonbok; Italo, Putrie, Biddle, Wilkins, Cousins, Stone, Dolan, Murray, McDonald (1), Mickolajczyk.

Corinthians: Griffin; R. Clarke, Williams; S. Woods, Russell (1), McKnight; D. Woods, Fanning (1), Orr (1), Amey (1), Martin.

Hornsby v. Balgownie 1-1

The game was very fast throughout with both sides having their share of play.

Both defences stood out and the goalkeepers were in great form.

Balgownie took the lead and Hornsby equalised when Dickerson sent in a hard shot from outside the edge of the penalty area that gave the goalkeeper no chance.

Hornsby: Legg, Lapwood, Hogan, Maughan, Booth, Hughes, Davies, Inglefield, Bastas, Horne, Dickerson (1).

Balgownie: not available.

Bankstown v. Lane Cove 2-1

Play was scrappy and unexciting with Bankstown holding the upper hand in the first half and deservedly leading 1-0 at the break.

Lane Cove played much better after the break and equalised soon after, but it was Bankstown who took the lead again when Clarke, after beating two defenders, put the ball over the head of the advancing goalkeeper.

Lane Cove's goalkeeper was injured and was replaced by Lee, who guarded the posts well.

Bankstown: Friedl, Jamieson, Fitzgerald; McDermott, White, Turnbull; Madden, Grange, Tansley, Bamforth (1), Clarke (1).

Lane Cove: Reed (Lee); Clarke, Gamble, Carter, Mitchell, Aird; Cooper, Jagger (1, penalty), Foster, Smith, Thomson.

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Manly v. Sutherland 2-1

Poor refereeing marred what could have been a real thriller at Graham Reserve where Manly only scored the winning goal from a retaken penalty kick after the first one was well saved by Sutherland's goalkeeper Pines.

Manly took the lead just before the break when Gordon Nutt scored with a hard drive against the run of play.

Sutherland played the better football in the second half and equalised through a penalty taken by John O'Reilly.

Sutherland nearly scored another equaliser three minutes from the end, but with the Manly keeper beaten the ball hit the crossbar and rebounded into play.

Manly: Tunman; McGrath, Brooks; Verrills, Campbell, Freeman; Nutt (1), Harris, G. Jones (1, penalty), Hughes, Waller.

Sutherland: Pines; Turner, Rattenbury; O'Brien, O'Reilly (1), Griffiths; S. Cuciti, Shrubsole, Roach, Corfield, Bibbing.

Hornsby v. Granville 0-1

The only goal of the match came in the third minute when a shot at goal by Banks from about 40 yards hit the crossbar and rebounded into the feet of the unmarked Tamsand, who smashed it into the net with a hard drive.

After this goal play was fairly even until the last 15 minutes when Granville applied the pressure, but poor shooting from their forwards and good saves by the Hornsby goalkeeper, Legg, denied them more goals.

Hornsby: Legg, Lapwood, Hogan; Maughan, Booth, Hughes; Davies, Inglefield, Bastas, Horne, Dickerson.

Granville: Poniekos; Anderson, Pendleton; Greily, Lorenzutti, Dean; J. Gallagher, Tamsand (1), Shepherd (V. Gallagher), Banks, O'Neill.

Corinthians v. Marconi 2-0

Marconi put up a terrific struggle but poor shooting and good goalkeeping by Derek Griffin prevented them from scoring.

Both goals were scored in the first half, and despite a fightback by Marconi in the dying minutes Corinthians' defence held out well.

Corinthians: Griffin; R. Clarke, Williams; Snee, Rus-

sell, McKnight; Fanning (1), Horne, Orr (1), Amey, D. Woods.

Marconi: Langelaar; Napta, Scotti; Okom, Milani, Zorato, Morn, Little, Giacometti, Shultz, Lindsay.

Balgownie v. North Bankstown 0-1

Play was fairly even throughout and the lone goal of the match was scored in the second half.

North Bankstown went on the attack straight from the kick-off and they nearly scored in the first minute when Scallin, with only the 'keeper to beat, headed the ball inches above the bar.

He made amends, however, by scoring the winning goal. **Balgownie:** not available.

North Bankstown: Howes, Baber, Cleverly; Watson, Iyas, Thorpe; Duncan, Buckley, Scallin (1), Roberts, Mula.

Western Suburbs 0-1

Blacktown played a purely defensive game and delayed Wests' winning goal until four minutes from the end.

Blacktown's right winger Stone, after repeated warnings by the referee, was sent off in the 75th minute.

Blacktown: Beczney-Zsonbok; Italo, Putrie, Biddle, Wilkins, Cousins; Stone, Dolan, Murray, McDonald (1), Mickolajczyk.

Wests: not available.

WITH THE AMATEURS THISTLE SCORE WELL IN MUD

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Bankstown Thistle gained a good 5-1 win over Wentworthville Waratah in their home match at the Bankstown Soccer Club Reserve last Saturday.

With the extremely muddy conditions, play was even to half time, when the score stood at one apiece.

The pace of the game suited Thistle, and some lovely through balls sent their forwards racing into the attack.

Direct methods were judiciously interspersed with play to the wings, where Willie Blair and Danny Bowers revelled in the firmer conditions.

In Second Division,

lan, Murray, McDonald, Mickolajczyk.

Western Suburbs: Iro, Bastion, Apostolidis; Holmes, Birk, Dyce, Whiteside (1), Randell, Chrystal, Davies, Smit.

THIS WEEKEND

The much improved promotion-bent Bankstown will play two important matches this weekend.

On Saturday, they meet Granville in a deferred match at Bankstown Oval and on Sunday they play fourth placed Western Suburbs.

Against Granville, Bankstown will have to produce their best football because Granville's forwards have the potential to pierce even the strongest defence.

Their Sunday match should also be close as Wests are improving steadily under the guidance of Joe Marston and a draw is likely.

Corinthians will field a confident team against Sutherland and could snatch a point from them on their present form, while Lane Cove will give Manly a hard game on their own ground at Pottery Green.

In other matches, Marconi may share the points with Blacktown on Saturday and beat Lane Cove on Sunday.

Sydney Second, Third Grades

SECOND GRADE

APIA: Graziosi, Callaghan, D. Parkin, Muir, C. Parkin, Val Juresic, McKinnon (1), Browning, Vin. Juresic, Vitrano (1), Gauld.

St. George: Sokoloff, Willis, Akers, De Bruin (1), Taylor, Bird, Todd (1), later Mansfield, Pigott, Sandell (1), Fernandez, Telfer.

Referee: F. Johns.

South Coast: McQuire; Malassin, Kerr; Sutherland, McNally, Barnaba; Weekes, Lansaski, Stefanovic (2), Freeme, Tolhurst.

Canterbury: Margate; Andrews, Champion; Clarke, Raeburn, Hardy; Como, Jurd, Jamison (Williamson), Lang, Waters (1).

Referee: F. O'Connor.

Polonia-NS: Bout; Cebula, Bazar, Oliver, Fryer, Tarver; Waller, Muhlbauer (1), Hanley, Gonzales (1), Murray.

Melita Eagles: Gray; Wynn, Calleja; French, Arrighi, Craig; Finaberg, Harco, Clark, Hutchison, Webb (Kerry).

Referee: D. Frazer.

Croatia: Frazer; Page, Hood; Stuart, Woods, Kirgan; Swoboda, Brennan, Massi, Birko, Tomicia, Groll.

Prague: King; Parkhouse, Lovady; Rootsey, Hill, Hag, Hman, Amytage, Lowie (1), G. Manuel (1), Beards.

Hakoah: Fuzes; B. Barne, Mighaccio; Woods, Courts, Stewart (1), Edmunds (2), McKnight, Taylor, Atoua (2), Jones.

Pan Hellenic: Rademacher (Maglis); Walker, Hanson; Petrou, Mallard, Nicopoulos; Demos (1), Vrolyks, Bardetta (1), Lovett, Howard.

Referee: L. Smit.

Yugal: Viskovic; Gebavski, Zivkovic; Kosovic, Venetoulis, P. Clancy; Vesich, Matinkovic, Glenday (1), Fray (1), Volar.

Canterbury: Margate; Gordon, Champion; Raymond, Raeburn, Andrews; Jurd, Como, Waters, Katsinos, Lang (Coulter).

Referee: E. Trappe.

Cumberland: Fisher; Asherton, Wall; Fernis, Richards, Charlton; Allan, Christie, Crocker, Gleason, Farrey.

South Coast: McQuire; Strachan, Kerr; Sutherland, McNally, Barnaba; Weekes, Lansaski, Stefanovic, Freeme, Tolhurst.

Referee: T. Reid.

Polonia: Rule, Cebula, Bazar, Oliver, Fryer, Tarver, Hicks (1), Muhlbauer (1), Hanley (1), Gonzales (1), Morgan.

APIA: Graziosi, Callaghan, D. Parkin, Ardoun, McKinnon (2), Browning, J. D. Sambrook, Vitrano, Gauld.

THIRD GRADE

APIA: Dove, La Rocca, Buckley, Slater, Phillips, Del Duca, Pedulla, Petracci, Sambrook, Gray, McKenzie.

St. George: Ball, Adams, B. Cox, Stead, R. Cox, Harding, Tsolakis, Burton (1), Olive, Rodgers, Liddy (1).

Referee: R. Oakman.

South Coast: Radburn; Valk, Newson; Sheppard, Whitefield, Bott; McLeod, Conlin, Papandreu, Newman (2), Griffith.

Canterbury: Lindsay; Eldridge, Gordon (20.0.0.); Tardinton, Domenico, Williamson; Lazaric, Coulter, Arrighi, Lazaric, Salerno.

Referee: A. Preston.

Polonia-NS: Rule; Henry, Thomson; Tansley, Mellish, McFadyen; Rudgley, McAlister, Tomaszewski, Knight (1), Chodkiewicz (1).

Melita Eagles: Tanti; Williams, Marshall; Monardo, Leckemby, Campbell; Tanti, Panterich, Miranda, Chaplin, Demeno.

Referee: T. Davies.

Croatia: Easter; Low, Cacci, Clark; Barbouris, Yaeger (1); Brinn, Frakes, Thompson, R. Brennan, Hearn.

Prague: McKeechie; Papadopoulos, McLoughlin; Steffe, Constable (1), Brown; Corbett, Zrdilio, Wilcox (1), Dickinson, Cooper.

Hakoah: Haigh; Jeffrey, Reichard, Prokurat, Stanborough, Smith; Berger, Berne, Harvel, Round (1), Kovacic.

Pan Hellenic: Parsons; Dredge, Spatsis; Petracci, Percy, Lamberiou; Zumbo, Kerr, Byles (2), Frame (1), Waddington.

Referee: T. Cook.

Yugal: Buertner; Cirjanic, Kipic; Tomic, Ripley, Kydd; Obradovic, Apostolovski, Alexander, Kapper, Bajic.

Canterbury: Williamson; Eldridge, Allan; Tardinton, Domenico, Coulter; Salerno, Arrighi, Lindsay, Lazaric, Barak.

Referee: J. Stiff.

Cumberland: Collins; Watts, L. Quested; Maes, Edwards, Furner (1); Dort, Smith (1), Brennan (1), Vincent, Embury.

South Coast: Radburn; Valk, Newson; Sheppard, Whitefield, Bott; McMulian, Conlin, Papandreu (2), Newman, Griffith.

Referee: N. F. Jones.

Polonia: Rule, W. Henry, Thomson; Tansley, Mellish, McFadyen, Rudgley, McAlister (1), Knight, Chodkiewicz.

APIA: Dove, La Rocca, Staples, Slater, Phillips, Russell, King, Petracci, Gray (2), McEneaney, Pedulla.

Referee: P. Nikolas.

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